

Amendments To The Claims:

1.-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A method for call forwarding after a call from a first telecommunication terminal is not accepted at a second telecommunication terminal, the method comprising:

entering a first called number associated to the second terminal at the first terminal, the number entered to establish a connection to the second terminal;

triggering a transfer of an identification inquiry message containing the first call number to an automatic telecommunication service in order to identify an alternative call number;

identifying a second call number associated to a third telecommunication terminal by a telecommunication service located in the first terminal via an electronic directory system located in the first terminal and comprising a stored assignment specification, wherein the electronic directory system is located in ~~at least one of the first and second telecommunication terminals~~ the first communication terminal, and the electronic directory system is maintained by a user of the at least one of the first and second telecommunication terminals; and

providing the second call number for establishing a connection between the first terminal and the third terminal.

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the transfer is triggered in response to a first input of a user at the first terminal.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein an attribute value is assigned in the directory system for the second call number.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein for the first call number the assignment specification includes an attribute value having the second call number.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the assignment specification includes an attribute value, wherein the attribute value for the first call number is the same as the attribute value for the second call assignment specification.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the connection setup between the first and third terminal is initiated automatically after identification of the second call number.

22. (currently amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein the telecommunication service ~~transfers~~ provides identification results information to the first terminal in response to the identification inquiry message, the identification result information is provided to the first terminal via a display unit or via voice.

23. (previously presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the identification result information includes the second call number.

24. (previously presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein after providing the identification result information to the first terminal, the user provides a second input to effect the connection setup to the third terminal.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the telecommunication service is also distributed over a plurality of central exchanges and/or the directory system is further distributed over a plurality of central exchanges.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) An arrangement including a plurality of telecommunication terminals, comprising:

a first terminal adapted to accept input of a user;

a directory system query unit located in the first terminal configured for submitting a query to an electronic directory system in order to identify a second call number assigned to a first call number, the first call number previously entered at the first terminal;

a second terminal associated with the first call number; and

~~the electronic directory system located in at least one of the first and second terminals;~~
and

a forwarding control unit adapted to transfer the first call number to the directory system query unit after a first input of a user at the first terminal and to receive the second call number from the directory system query unit,

wherein the first terminal includes the forwarding control unit, ~~or~~

~~wherein an exchange includes the forwarding control unit.~~

29. (canceled)

30. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 28, wherein after receiving the second call number, the forwarding control unit is configured for transferring a control command in order to trigger a connection setup from the first terminal to a third terminal that is associated to the second called number.

31. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 30,
wherein the first terminal is configured for automatically initiating the setup of a connection to the third terminal via the second call number, without a second input from the user,
or

wherein the exchange is configured for automatically initiating the setup of a connection to the third terminal via the second call number, without a second input from the user.

32. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 28, wherein the first terminal includes a predefined key for accepting the first and/or a second input.

33. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 28, wherein the first terminal includes a display unit with assigned control keys for navigation and selection of a menu option from a menu displayed on the display unit.

34. (previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 28, wherein the first terminal includes a voice recognition system for recognizing a voice input of the first and/or a second input.